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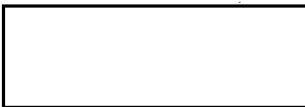
4 September 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John D. Iams
Comptroller

SUBJECT: Commendation for Miss Helene Boatner

1. As you know, Miss Helene Boatner who is now assigned to your office was temporarily shanghaied by us after her graduation from the National War College to handle the production of an important and complex National Intelligence Estimate.

2. Thanks to her outstanding professionalism and competence, a very difficult task with a short time fuse was discharged in a most impressive fashion. NSC and White House decisions necessitated the production on short notice of a fresh Estimate on Prospects for the Further Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. This is a touchy and sensitive subject replete with many levels of complexity, both technical and political. It is a game with many players, many of whom represent strongly vested bureaucratic interests or substantive positions. Being strapped particularly for the kind of talent necessary for this task, we asked for the loan of Miss Boatner to handle it. She did a superlative job. Though this is what one would have expected in light of her strong professional qualifications and demonstrated record of performance, the job she did was so impressive as to warrant special notice. In light of the above would you please extend our official thanks to Miss Boatner and give her the attached letter of appreciation. I am also sending a copy of this memorandum to the Director of Personnel with the request that it and its attachment be placed in her official personnel file.


George A. Carver, Jr.

Deputy for National Intelligence Officers

Attachment

cc: Director of Personnel

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